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DETERMINING AND MAINTAINING TRUST  
IN DIGITAL DATA FILES WITH  
CERTIFIABLE TIME (formerly SYSTEM AND  
METHODS FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL DATA  
FILES)

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated September 10, 2004 (Paper No. 9), please  
amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

- **Request for Extension of Time and/or Charge of Fees** begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.